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In re Application of:

Hagenbuch

Group Art Unit: 2304

Serial No. 08/475,806

Examiner: M. Zanelli

Filed: June 7, 1995

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD  
RESPONSIVE TO THE ON-  
BOARD MEASURING OF  
HAULAGE PARAMETERS OF  
A VEHICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the references listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form are submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This application is a continuation of several previous patent applications as the Rule 60 transmittal document filed with the application indicates. In order to provide an aid in understanding the genealogy of the present patent application, attached is an illustration intended to show the chronology of the previous patent applications upon which priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120.

As the attached chronology indicates, the present patent application is one of seven co-pending patent applications that were filed prior to the issuance of parent patent application

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08/206,531 as U.S. Patent No. 5,416,706. Two of the seven patent applications were filed to pursue claim sets in the '531 patent application that had been subject to a restriction requirement. The remaining five patent applications were filed in order to ensure that features unclaimed in previous applications were pursued in applications whose filing dates were prior to the date implementing changes in the U.S. patent law pursuant to the GATT Treaty. Applicant elected to pursue each of the features in a separate continuation application in an attempt to minimize the chances of encountering further restriction requirements after the changes to the U.S. patent laws went into effect.

It should be noted that the submission of the references listed on the PTO-1449 form is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are "prior" to the invention claimed in the above-identified application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

Further, the submission of these references is not to be taken as a concession that any reference represents art which is relevant or analogous to the claimed invention. Accordingly, the right to argue that any such reference is not properly within the scope of prior art relevant to an

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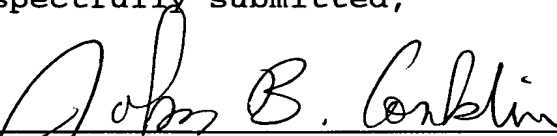
examination of the above-identified application is also expressly reserved.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references. Finally, a timely and favorable examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Signed at Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois,  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

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